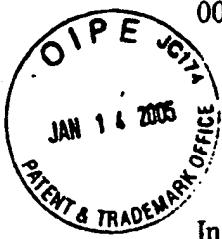


Approved 3/7/05



00684.003517

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

|                              |   |                          |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| In re Application of:        | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Examiner: Sophia S. Chen |
| Tatsuya KOBAYASHI, et al.    | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Group Art Unit: 2852     |
| Application No.: 10/664,880  | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Confirmation No.: 4251   |
| Filed: September 22, 2003    | ) |                          |
|                              | : |                          |
| For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS | ) | January 14, 2005         |

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED SHEET OF THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the enclosed corrected sheet of the drawings. Original Figure 11 has been amended to add the legend --PRIOR ART-- as required in the Official Action, dated October 14, 2004.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly requested.